

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 26 has been cancelled and new claim 27 is added. Claims 13-22, 25 and 27 are pending and under consideration.

Claim 26 is cancelled herein. Accordingly, the objections to the specification, drawings and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 are moot.

With respect to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103, the rejections are respectfully traversed. It was previously argued that the cited references do not disclose that the first slopes mainly receive light from said first primary light source and said second slopes mainly receive light from said second primary light source (see independent claim 13, as an example). Instead, Miyashita et al. teaches that light is only output from a single light source, to projections 312, and then through the side surfaces of the projections 312, towards a prism array 321. Thus, light not respectively received from the first and second light sources to the first and second slopes.

In response to these previous arguments, the Examiner now relies upon FIG. 25 of the reference as teaching that the first slopes mainly receive light 306 from one side of the light guide and the second slopes mainly receive light from another side of the light guide. However, the light 306 does not come from the light source 322. Instead, the light 306 is outside light which comes from outside of the liquid crystal display system, for example, by being input perpendicular to the liquid crystal display panel 302. Miyashita et al., col. 21, ln. 39-43. Thus, the first and second slopes do not receive light from the first and second light sources as claimed.

Ohkawa, Arai, Okuda et al. and Oyama et al. do not overcome these deficiencies, and are not relied upon by the Examiner to do so. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

New claim 27 is patentable over the cited references at least due to its dependency from claim 13.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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